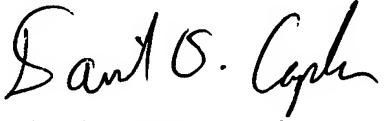
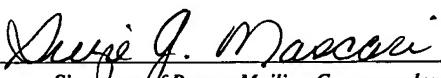


AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				Docket No. 26019.0700	
Serial No. 10/044,655	Filing Date January 11, 2002	Examiner Fontaine, Monica A.	Group Art Unit 1732		
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEGATING MOLDED PARTS FROM A RUNNER					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2003 for the above-identified application.